



**CookChildren's®**

**Global Health Services**

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We always remember it's about the one child that matters most: *yours!*

## Global Health Services

We have a dedicated, multilingual team of care providers to help take care of all the details so families can focus on the health of their child. This team works to meet each individual family's needs – including coordinating travel plans, accommodations, language interpretation and other services.

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# Why Cook Children's?

For more than 100 years, Cook Children's has served the community by providing expert medical care for pediatric patients and is now one of the country's leading, integrated pediatric health care systems.

Based in Fort Worth, Texas, our nationally recognized pediatric health care organization has more than 60 primary and specialty care offices throughout Texas.

Cook Children's has nearly 400 employed physicians and our award-winning medical center provides leading-edge technology and therapies through more than 30 specialties and subspecialties. Each year, we have more than one million patient encounters at our medical center.

Continuing our commitment and Promise to be the preeminent model for delivering children's healthcare in the United States, Cook Children's Global Health Services offers concierge services to out of state and out of country patients referred through our program.

## Board certified/board eligible physicians

Board certification means that the specialist has specific knowledge and skill in a particular area of expertise. To become board certified in a specialty, pediatricians must pass a rigorous examination. To remain board certified, pediatric specialists must continue their education in their pediatric specialty. Cook Children's Physician Network employs only board certified or board eligible physicians.

## Collaborative, family-centered care

Everything Cook Children's does is focused on family-centered care, which means that in order to give children the highest level of care, we must include the entire family. Research shows that family involvement helps patients recover from illness quicker, so our doctors and nurses encourage parents to partner with them.

## Nursing quality and excellence

Cook Children's Medical Center is recognized by the American Nursing Credentialing Center as a Magnet® hospital, a designation for hospitals dedicated to nursing excellence and quality patient care. Cook Children's has achieved this prestigious designation three times, an accomplishment earned by less than three percent of hospitals nationwide.

## Nationally ranked specialties

When you select a care provider for your child, you want one of the best. U.S. News & World Report named Cook Children's to its 2022-23 "America's Best Children's Hospitals" list for excellence in six specialties for its knowledge and expertise in medicine and research, including care for rare conditions.

Cancer, Cardiology/Heart Surgery, Diabetes/Endocrinology, Neurology/Neurosurgery, Orthopedics and Pulmonology.

## Telemedicine

Our telehealth and virtual medicine program allows our physicians to be a part of the patient's care team, whether it's providing specialty care for patient families, consulting with physicians from across the world, conducting virtual visits after-hours or even providing second opinions. Cook Children's has been using telemedicine and telehealth technologies since 2004.



## Jane and John Justin Neurosciences Center

Cook Children's has one of the largest, most technologically advanced pediatric neurosciences programs in the United States. It is the first independent pediatric hospital in the United States to offer a comprehensive movement disorders program that includes deep brain stimulation (DBS) and selective dorsal rhizotomy (SDR).

In addition to our state-of-the-art motion lab is one of only a few in the nation that has advanced video with motion capture, specialized monitoring equipment and motion analysis technology to help specialists provide a more detailed diagnosis and treatment plan for each individual patient.



Cook Children's Medical Center offers laser ablation surgery which is an iMRI-guided procedure that thermally destroys abnormal tissue by displaying high-resolution digital images of the brain during surgery as well as robotic arm technology.

The National Association of Epilepsy Centers recognizes Cook Children's Comprehensive Epilepsy Program as a Level 4 Pediatric Epilepsy Center – the highest level medical and surgical evaluation and treatment for patients with complex epilepsy.

## Endocrinology and Diabetes

Cook Children's Hyperinsulinism Center is the second in the United States and has a distinguished international reputation for providing extraordinary care and achieving positive outcomes. Our congenital hyperinsulinism patients have access to the most advanced diagnostic tools and participate in the latest research studies. Cook Children's is the second institution in the country to use 18F DOPA - a new investigative drug - in conjunction with PET-CT testing to diagnose focal tissue diseased in children with congenital hyperinsulinism.



## Orthopedics Surgery

Cook Children's Orthopedics provides comprehensive treatment for children and adolescents with traumatic injuries, neuromuscular disorders, congenital malformations, sports injuries, scoliosis and spine, hand and foot deformity, structural dysplasia, hip and limb disorders.

We use a multi-disciplinary approach to vascular and lymphatic lesions combining orthopedics, surgery, interventional radiology, hematology and oncology. Our team of specialists are experts in congenital limb deformity corrective surgery and therapy, bone and joint involvement of syndromic issues. Our doctors are committed to keeping up with the latest technology, techniques and the latest research to provide your child/patient with the highest level of care possible. Currently, our spine team is involved in a long-term, ongoing spine study regarding the K2M MESA Rail, a spinal device used for treatment of complex spine conditions and minimally invasive procedures.



## Heart Center

Cook Children's Heart Center offers full-service cardiology care for neonates, children and adults. From our fetal echo program that can diagnose complex congenital anomalies to our adult congenital heart program.

Cook Children's is one of only a few pediatric heart programs to offer aortic translocation, also known as the Nikaidoh procedure. Hisashi Nikaidoh, M.D., is a cardiothoracic surgeon on staff at Cook Children's who developed the aortic translocation procedure in 1984. Together, Cook Children's Cardiothoracic Surgery Medical Director, Vincent Tam, M.D., and Dr. Nikaidoh have performed more aortic translocation procedures than anyone in the country. Annually, our cardiothoracic surgeons perform almost 500 procedures.



Our multidisciplinary group of specialists focus on early intervention and delivering comprehensive treatments to improve the patients' quality of life, even for those with the most complex conditions. Patients have access to state-of-the-art testing and diagnostics, with a focus on technology that is minimally or noninvasive whenever possible.

Our new 3-D program allows for better diagnostics and planning for children with complex congenital anomalies. The program is one of few in the country to combine 3-D printing with a 3-D virtual viewing software. This helps cardiologists and surgeons to better understand patients' heart defects and plan their treatments to the finest of details.

The heart center opened in early 2017 with state-of-the-art operating rooms, an all-private cardiac intensive care unit, dedicated step-down unit, echocardiography suites and hybrid catheterization labs.

## Hematology and Oncology Center

For more than 30 years, Cook Children's Hematology and Oncology Center has been providing top quality clinical care to patients with cancer and blood disorders. As a designated Children's Oncology Group cancer center and one of the largest programs in the Southwest, we have a distinguished reputation of excellent care and outcomes.

Cook Children's is the first pediatric center in the southwestern United States to offer I-131 metaiodobenzylguanidine (MIBG) therapy, an experimental drug offered through a clinical research trial, which delivers targeted radiation for neuroblastoma patients.



## Urology/Genitourinary Institute

Cook Children's has opened the doors to its state-of-the-art Urology/Genitourinary Institute which is equipped with the latest cutting-edge technology, including a complete flurovideo urodynamics suite and the da Vinci Xi System, a robotic technology that provides minimally invasive surgery. The program is led by world-renowned medical professionals who are dedicated to treating infants, children, teenagers and young adults with many different conditions of the urinary system and disorders of sex development (DSD) as well as congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH).







**Cook Children's embraces an inspiring Promise that extends around the globe:**

Knowing every child's life is sacred, it is the Promise of Cook Children's to improve the health of every child through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury.

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